

Report of the Executive Director



Ethiopian Embassy (A1)



22nd Street and N Street, NW (A3)



2255 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE (M3)

April

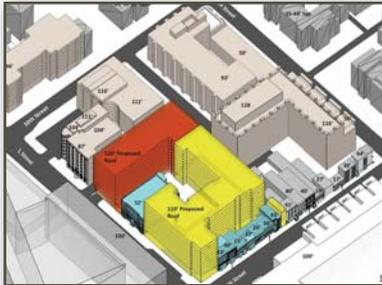
During the past month, the Executive Director approved five projects under the Commission's delegated authority:

1. Concept designs for a guard house and fence addition at the Ethiopian Embassy, 3506 International Drive, NW (5462)
2. Preliminary and final site and building plans for an interim fire station at Fort McNair (7632)
3. Finds that plans for the closing of a public alley and easement established in Square 70, bounded by 22nd Street (to the west), N Street (to the north), 21 Street and New Hampshire Avenue (to the east), and M Street (to the south) would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (7654)
4. Finds that plans for a Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 5914 and Various Parcels (Square 5914, LLC), Alabama Avenue and 13th Street, SE, Washington, DC would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 13-08)
5. Finds that plans for a ANC 6A – Map Amendment at Square 1070, 15th and A Streets, NE would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 14-20)

March

During the previous month, the Executive Director approved eight projects under the Commission's delegated authority:

1. Finds that plans for an alley closing in Square 2822 (S.O. 14-21729), Sherman Avenue and Barry Place, NW, would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (7646)
2. Finds that plans for a Planned Unit Development Modification in Squares 739, 767, and 768 in Southeast (Capper/Carrollsborg) would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC03-12Q/03-13Q)
3. Finds that plans for a second stage Planned Unit Development and Planned Unit Development Modification at Square 5785, 2255 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE (Four Points, LLC and Curtis Properties, Inc.) would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC08-07A)

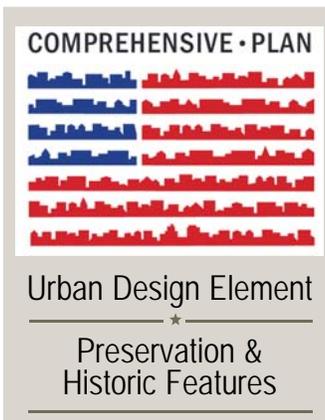


9th and L Streets, NW (M5)



1309 5th Street, NE (M6)

4. Finds that plans for text amendments for the Southeast Federal Center Overlay would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 14-05)
5. Finds that plans for a consolidated Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment at Square 369, 9th and L Streets, NW would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 14-09)
6. Finds that plans for a First Stage Planned Unit Development, Consolidated Planned Unit Development, and Related Map Amendment at Square 3591 (EAJ 1309 5th Street, NE, LLC) would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 14-12)
7. Finds that plans for a Text and Map Amendment to create a C-2-B-1 Zone District at New York and Montana Avenues, NE would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 14-16)
8. Finds that plans for a Map Amendment at Square 4310 (AE Tower, LLC), Rhode Island Avenue and Monroe Street, NE would not be inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. (ZC 14-17)



PLANNING UPDATES

Comprehensive Plan

NCPC staff continues working on the Urban Design and Preservation & Historic Features Elements and plans to present drafts to the Commission at the May meeting for release for a 60-day public comment period. At the April meeting staff will provide an information presentation on its viewshed analysis. Staff plans to bring the full plan to the Commission for final adoption in the fall of 2015.

Regional Plan Review: Arlington Courthouse Square Design Concept

Arlington County staff will provide an information presentation on its *Envision Courthouse Square Plan* at the April Commission meeting. The plan incorporated staff comments from NCPC, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, National Park Service, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, and Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.

Federal Capital Improvements Program (FCIP)

Staff initiated development of the 2016-2021 *Federal Capital Improvements Program* (FCIP). The National Capital Planning Act charges NCPC with the annual review of federal capital budgeting proposals for projects slated for the next six years. NCPC evaluates the proposals for consistency with federal and local planning policies and prioritizes projects. The analyses and recommendations are compiled in the FCIP report and submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for use in preparing the President's annual budget.

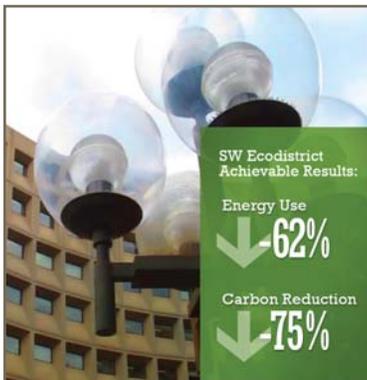




Smart Cities

The Global City Teams Challenge is a year-long effort sponsored by the National Institute of Technology to help communities work together to address topical issues. Teams foster the spread of “smart cities” by leveraging networked technologies and identifying scalable and reproducible solutions to better manage resources and improve quality of life in our cities. NCPC Architect **Ken Walton** is the Smart Cities PA2014 team project manager. Participating organizations include the District of Columbia’s Office of the Chief Technology Officer, the Golden Triangle BID, George Washington University, Cisco, District of Columbia Department of Transportation and the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development.

PA 2040’s focus is “Smart Lighting” and free Wi-Fi for Pennsylvania Avenue west of 17th Street. The team will also address city management issues through Smart Lighting, such as conserving energy, supporting “Dark Skies,” and improving maintenance operations, parking management and security. They are also exploring how to use Smart Lighting to activate streets, improve wayfinding, and better the pedestrian and visitor experience in the nation’s capital. The team is working to complete pilot project design, permitting, material order, and installation and testing by June 2015.



SW Ecodistrict

Senior Urban Planner **Diane Sullivan** presented the SW Ecodistrict Initiative to the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) at their request on March 3. The IDB is the main source of multilateral financing in Latin American for development. IDB staff blogged about the project in Spanish and it received thousands of likes on Twitter and was shared hundreds of times on Facebook.

NCPC and District of Columbia staff joined the International Living Future Institute and the EcoDistrict Organization for a daylong workshop on March 4. The workshop established near term goals for the Ecodistrict as part of the Target Cities program and developed a two year work plan focused on near-term projects. On March 23-25 Urban Planner **Nicholas Bonard** represented NCPC and the SW Ecodistrict project at the *Sustainable Communities Leadership Academy: Climate and Economic Resilience* sponsored by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. The workshop, held in Boston, focused on the impact of climate change and resiliency.



Pennsylvania Avenue

On March 9, the Executive Committee met to discuss near-term actions to improve the Avenue, including maintenance and permitting coordination. In April, the committee will meet to discuss existing conditions and steps necessary to develop a programmatic framework for the Avenue.

Comments on the DC Zoning Update

Staff is waiting for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to be published in the DC Register with a 60-day public comment period. Once it is published, the case will be referred to NCPC. Based on this timing, staff anticipates presenting the case to the NCPC late spring/early summer.





PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE

NCPC Hosts International and Student Visitors

On March 24 a group of 20 students from the Economic Geography Department of the German University of Würzburg visited the agency. Physical Planning Division Director **Elizabeth Miller** spoke with the group and discussed NCPC's role in planning for the nation's capital. The Office of the Representative of German Industry and Trade coordinated the visit. On March 16, 14 undergraduate students participating in Hobart and William Smith Colleges's Washington program visited NCPC to learn about the agency's work. Senior Urban Planner **Lucy Kempf** spoke with them. On March 12 a 20-person delegation from the Chinese Guangzhou Land Resources and Housing Bureau Delegation paid a visit to NCPC. Public Affairs Specialist **Stephen Staudigl** presented to the group, and Urban Planners **Cheryl Kelly** and **Angela Dupont** participated in the question and answer period. Triway International organized the visit.